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Controversial acquittal in appeals court

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Trucker found not guilty in indigenous woman's death

The Alberta Court of Appeal is hearing arguments on whether to overturn a controversial acquittal of an Ontario trucker charged with killing an indigenous woman.

Last year, a jury found Bradley Barton not guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Cindy Gladue, a 36-year-old sex-trade worker who was found dead in a bathtub in an Edmonton motel room in 2011.

Gladue bled to death after a night of what Barton called consensual, rough sex.

But Crown prosecutor Joanne Dartana criticized the trial judge's charge to the jury, saying he should have explained that Barton could have been found guilty of a lesser charge if he should have foreseen his actions would harm Gladue. That would have opened the possibility of a sexual-assault conviction, she said. "He ought to have known that what he did risked bodily harm," she said.

Chief Justice Catherine Fraser agreed the trial judge's instructions to the jury were confusing.


On the one hand, the law says people are not allowed to consent to being harmed. On the other, the judge said the Crown had to prove that Barton intended to harm Gladue.

"What's the jury supposed to make of this?" she asked.

Fraser pointed out previous decisions have thrown out consent as a defence in cases of voluntary fist-fights.

"Is a prostitute not entitled to the same degree of protection as two guys fighting on the street?" she asked. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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Council passes plan for Northlands

City councillors voted to defer the \$48-million debt that Northlands owes it Tuesday and also to study converting Rexall Place into a multi-sheet ice arena.

The motion — to defer Northlands' debt payments to the city for at least a year — also proposed considering combining the Expo Centre and Shaw Conference Centre under one organization, and to start work toward redeveloping the current racetrack and barns into a neighbourhood.

Council also directed its administrators to look for partners on the proposal to turn Rexall Place into a recreational ice arena.

Mayor Don Iveson said the Rexall proposal is worth at least a closer look, because it could bring people to the area as a tournament site. "That's worth putting money into, because it drives strong tourism results and potentially some unique outcomes for amateur sports."

He said it's important the city consider ways to keep the building open and active. "If you board it up, that's really bad for the neighbourhood," he said.

Combining the city's two convention centres is probably something that should have happened some time ago, Iveson said, because the city has a stake in both.

Northlands CEO Tim Reid said the deferral gives the organization time to think and come up with the best possible plan for the area. "It gives us an opportunity to build a plan for the betterment of the city, not just the betterment of Northlands."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Arena deal had other costs

DEVELOPMENT

More police, transit officers among the added expenses



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The city has paid for much more than girders, concrete and seats at Rogers Place. In-

deed, many added costs have sprung up since the deal was signed.

Edmonton has added 40 new police officers downtown to keep up with the anticipated demand, as well as more transit officers at LRT stations on game and event nights.

Tack onto this tally the current problems with Northlands, too. The organization owes the city nearly \$48 million in a loan. And now, thanks in large part to Rogers Place, it's losing concert revenue.

Mayor Don Iveson told Metro the added costs were always to be expected. He also said that Northlands had problems at Expo Centre, and the racetrack and concerts were just covering bigger problems.

"If that's all that was proping up Northlands before then that was papering over a deeper sustainability issue," he said.

Iveson also said the policing costs were unexpected, but at the same worth paying.

"If downtown is more vibrant for a variety of reasons and re-

quires more patrols than that's a good thing," he said.

Coun. Andrew Knack opposed the arena deal before getting onto council.

He told Metro Tuesday he always thought the city was taking on too much risk, but at the same time that he feels the gamble has largely paid off.

"I actually think it's going to work out fairly well for the city."

UPSIDE

\$15 MILLION — The city estimates the Ice District Properties announced so far, including the J.W. Marriott Hotel and the Stantec Tower, will pay \$15 million in property taxes every year.

\$1.5 MILLION — The Oilers Community Foundation has given \$1.5 million to a hospitality program at Norquest College.

\$5.3 MILLION — The Community Revitalization Levy is estimated to return \$5.3 million to the city in 2016. Overall the CRL is estimated to bring in \$1.35 billion over its 20-year term.

\$47.4-MILLION LOAN — Outstanding amount Northlands owes to the city for building the Expo Centre, which they had been paying with concert revenue from Rexall Place.

\$1.3 MILLION — Northlands also owes the city for the Rexall Place scoreboard. Coun. Bryan Anderson raised the possibility the city might be able to sell the board to cover that debt.

\$4 MILLION — The city has brought on 40 new officers to patrol the downtown at an annual cost estimated at \$4 million.

DOWNSIDE



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VIEW OF ARENA CONSTRUCTION FROM OVERHEAD. WHILE THE BUILDING OPENS ON SATURDAY IT WILL BE 2018 BEFORE ALL PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED. (RYAN TUMILTY/METRO)

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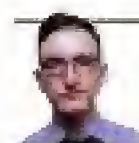


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Mural turns iHuman wall into work of art

OUTREACH

Organization brings creative opportunities to city's youth



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

The plain cinderblock wall on the outside of iHuman Youth Society has been transformed into a work of art.

Artists AJA Loudon and Evan Brunt took over the building's exterior as part of the Rust Magic Street Mural Festival, which saw 16 murals come to life across Edmonton starting last week, and on Tuesday

they neared completion of a wall-spanning purple-and-black owl with references to specific iHuman programs woven into its wings.

"My first hope is that it identifies this building as a creative engine," said Steve Pirot, artistic director with the organization, which brings artistic opportunities to struggling youth.

Erik Smallboy, a youth at iHuman, worked on the mural with Loudon and Brunt.

Pirot said the imagery doesn't have to send a specific message — its very existence will inspire.



I just think there should be more murals in our city.

Steve Pirot

"It's providing an example of how your creative skills can beautify the city and bring a little bit more imagination to the visual landscape," he said.

"I just think there should be more murals in our city. There should be less boring walls."



AJA Loudon and Evan Brunt work on a mural at iHuman Youth Society Tuesday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

CRIME

Homicide suspect has long rap sheet

The man charged with first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of an elderly Edmonton couple has a long rap sheet.

A scan of court records for 31-year-old Edward Kyle Roberts revealed a pages-long list of offences — including some that were dismissed and withdrawn — dating back to 2005.

His most recent court appearance was July 25 for a charge of assault with a weapon, and he is due back in court Nov. 9 on that charge.

Police arrested Roberts after Joao Nascimento, 93, and Maria Nascimento, 81, were slain early Friday in

their own home in the Queen Mary Park neighbourhood, near 11 Street and 111 Avenue, with what police say was a stolen knife.

Officers had responded to a call about a suspicious person at the home around 12:13 p.m. that day, where they found two bodies. Police say the suspect broke into the home.

Roberts is charged with first-degree murder, possession of a weapon, breach of recognizance and two counts of break and enter. None of the charges have been proven in court.

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IN BRIEF

City awaits world record confirmation for 72-hour marathon baseball game

The longest baseball game ever may have been played in Edmonton over the Labour Day long weekend.

The 72-hour, 237-inning game still needs official

confirmation from Guinness World Records.

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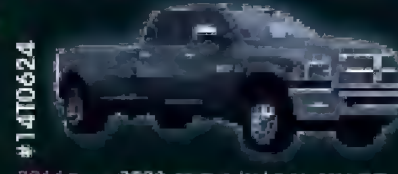
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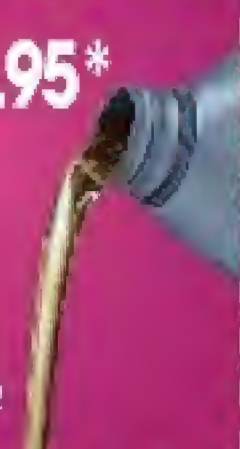
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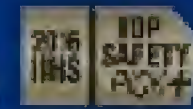
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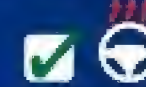
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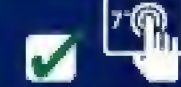
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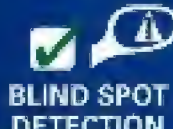
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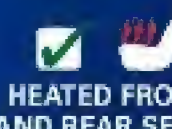
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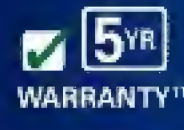
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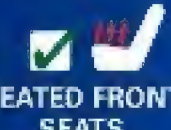
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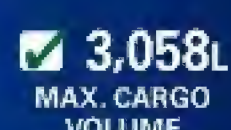
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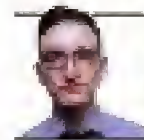


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Working behind the piano

DOCUMENTARY

Technician Bruce Bischoff gets a turn in the spotlight



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Behind every great pianist is someone like Bruce Bischoff.

The Sherwood Park man is the piano technician for the Jubilee Auditorium, dozens of local churches, universities and sometimes the Winspear Centre. He's worked for Tony Bennett and k.d. lang, and jammed with members of Supertramp.

Now, he's the subject of a documentary.

"I'm the concert artist who never gets applause," Bischoff said.

Director Marie-France Guerrette with Productions Loft first met Bischoff when he tuned her piano more than three years ago, and his passion for the instrument left a strong impression.

Filmmakers followed Bisc-



Bruce Bischoff, who is the subject of a new documentary, works on a piano at the MacEwan University west-end campus. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

hoff for 70 hours of filming over six months to make the hour-long documentary, *The Secret Life of Pianos*, which debuted to more than 200 people at Metro Cinema last

week. In more than three decades as a tech, Bischoff has built a reputation not only as one of the best in the business but one of a dying breed who tunes entirely by ear.

"It's kind of a cool, inside, bizarre job that very few people can do. So once you can do it, if you can do it well, you're in," he said.

"It's a job that most pian-

“It's kind of a cool, inside, bizarre job that very few people can do.”
Bruce Bischoff

ists and musicians really need done, but just can't do it themselves."

He views the pianos he tunes as living, breathing expressions of their players.

While other techs rely partly on machines for tuning, Bischoff likens the work of a tuning machine to that of a drum machine — relentlessly perfect, but leaving no room to breathe.

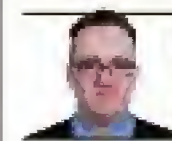
"Pianos are produced by humans, maintained by humans and listened to by humans, played by humans, all of which are imperfect," he said.

"So there's quite a bit of room for subjectivity when it comes to tuning, even though we're trying to tune to this equally tempered scale that's been only around for 100 years or less."

The documentary is available through Telus Optik TV.

CYCLING

Cyclovia may come to city



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Building permanent, separated bike lanes in Edmonton may remain a challenge, but cyclists may get an opportunity next year to take over city streets for a day or two. Coun. Ben Henderson forwarded a motion to host four Cyclovia events between 2017 and 2018, and it was passed at council Wednesday.

The concept, which first began in Bogotá, Colombia, sees city streets closed down and taken over by cyclists for one-day events.

Henderson said events have taken place all over the world and he sees no reason why Edmontonians wouldn't embrace it.

Henderson said he believes several local business associations would be interested in taking part in the event and he believes that would be important for success.

City staff will now return with a budget and business case for the events later this year. Henderson said the cost will depend on how large an event the city wants to put on.



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People rally in Edmonton last year after Bradley Barton was acquitted of the murder of Cindy Gladue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

From death to resolve

EQUALITY

Cindy Gladue inspires women to address consent issues



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

When a jury found Bradley Barton not guilty of first-degree murder last year in the death of Cindy Gladue, it sparked protests across the country.

Now, women's groups are welcoming the chance to reopen the discussion around sexual assault and consent, and it's a discussion that's being driven by groups working in Edmonton.

A small crowd gathered on the steps of the Edmonton courthouse Tuesday morning to remember Gladue.

"It was good, we had smudging and the prayers — in lots of ways it was a memorial," said Muriel Stanley Venne, founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women, which organized the rally.

The Alberta Court of Appeal spent the day hearing arguments about whether to overturn the acquittal of the

Ontario trucker charged with killing Gladue in an Edmonton hotel room in 2011.

The IAAW partnered with the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund on a submission to the court that criticized the way the trial was conducted. The brief said Gladue was consistently dehumanized and stereotyped as "native."

It was important they had an opportunity to make a written submission to the court because of the larger importance of the case, legal director Kim Stanton said.

"I think it's important that the court hears from organizations like LEAF and the Institute about the nature of consent and how the law of consent relates to women's equality," she said.

Stanton points to the fact they were allowed to make a submission, and the upcoming inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women as signs the violence faced by indigenous women is starting to be addressed.

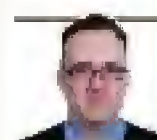
Stanley Venne said the proceedings raise important questions for all women.

"As far as the Institute of Advancement of Aboriginal Women I'm looking at this as the most important case we'll ever be involved in."

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ROGERS PLACE

Local food, not local brewers, at arena



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Rogers Place will have expanded food options and signature cocktails compared to the building it replaces, but local brewers won't be on tap when the building opens this fall.

The Oilers Entertainment Group unveiled the menu Monday. The team has partnered with catering company Aramark —

known to many for providing food at universities and other large institutions — to deliver food at 16 concessions, 11 fixed bars and 16 portable stands.

Susan Darrington, the building's general manager, said they aimed for a menu that would offer food unique to Edmonton.

"We wanted to make Rogers Place a truly Edmonton facility, so we went out into the community and we looked at what makes Edmonton special," she said.

Some of those more Edmonton offerings include a perogy dog and chicken shawarma. Many of the food suppliers for the building are local farms including Black Apron Farms beef and Innisfail Lamb.

Eric Bayne, Aramark's general manager for the building, said they will have more beer offerings than Rexall Place, but have to stay within a contract — meaning no craft beer.

"It's all sponsored by Molson,

whatever falls under the Molson family," he said.

Oilers spokesperson Tim Shipton said the team is bound by its contract with Molson.

"Arenas are arenas; you strike food and beverage partnerships and Molson has been a partner with us right from the beginning," he said.

Shipton said as the rest of the Ice District is developed he believes there will be opportunities to work with local brewers.

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Canada not perfect on rights: PM

POLITICS

Trudeau raises concerns with China's elites

When Justin Trudeau raised concerns directly with China's political elite about their human-rights record, he says he acknowledged Canada isn't perfect.

The prime minister shared more details Tuesday about his high-level talks last week with Beijing, sessions that included face time with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang.

Trudeau told a business luncheon in Hong Kong that he brought up his concerns in those meetings, ranging from consular cases, rule of law, governance and corruption. "I talked about the challenges, but also talked about

the fact that Canada is not immune to criticisms on human rights, either," he said during an on-stage interview hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

"The perspective that a lot of countries have is, 'Well, you know, foreign countries or foreign observers shouldn't be criticizing what are internal matters to us.'"

He said he pointed out how a UN rapporteur put out a "scathing report" a few years ago on Canada's treatment of Indigenous Peoples, of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls and other challenges.

Trudeau's Hong Kong event came on the last day of his eight-day official visit to China, a trip that also included stops in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou for the Group of 20 leaders' summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INFRASTRUCTURE

Change rules, cities ask federal government

Canadian municipalities want the federal government to change the way it decides how much money cities should get for transit and water projects. The

changes outlined in June to the federal infrastructure minister would potentially give more money to smaller communities to help them build transit or improve septic systems.

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Sophia Spencer poses for a photo with her grasshopper named Hoppers in Alexandria, Ont. Her mother tweeted about her daughter's love of bugs and the post went viral. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CREEPY CRAWLIES

Entomologists rally around bullied girl

Seven-year-old Sophia Spencer loves bugs so much she had her hair cut short so it wouldn't get in the way while she was catching them.

She keeps more than a dozen pet grasshoppers in a dinosaur bucket and Mason jar at home. Last year, her favourite bugs were snails, and the year before that she was fascinated with worms and ants.

After moving from Sarnia to Alexandria, Ont., and switching schools, her obsession with insects set her apart from the other kids and made her the butt of cruel jokes, according to her mom, Nicole.

The teasing started on the first day of school. Sophia was carrying a caterpillar around and talking to it, as she's prone to do, when a girl said: "You're weird. You shouldn't be playing with bugs."

The bullying only got worse, Nicole said. When Sophia brought another caterpillar to show-and-tell, a boy asked to see it after — then stomped on it.

"Nobody would go near her," her mom said.

She notified Sophia's teachers and still nothing changed, she said. The bullying had taken such a toll on her daughter's confidence that she wrote a heart-

felt email to the Entomological Society of Canada. She asked the society to arrange a chat between Sophia and an insect specialist, to encourage her love of bugs.

"I want her to know from an expert that she is not weird or strange (what kids call her) for loving bugs and insects," Nicole wrote.

The email found its way to Jackson Morgan, the society's social media volunteer and a PhD student in entomology at Guelph University.

"I was heartbroken," he recalled. "I don't like hearing about anybody being bullied, especially about something I'm so passion-

ate about."

He posted the email to Twitter, where it grabbed the attention of entomologists internationally.

By Friday, more than a hundred people agreed to be her pen pal, said Morgan. The social media discussion took on a life of its own under the hashtag #BugsR4Girls as entomologists the world over posted words of encouragement and pictures of themselves with creepy crawlies.

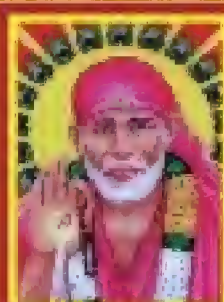
"I was inspired by brilliant female entomologists & I hope that I can do the same for others," tweeted Ashleigh Whiffin at the National Museums of Scotland.

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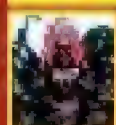
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U.S. ELECTION

Clinton argues he's a national security danger; To Trump, she is

Hillary Clinton accused Donald Trump of insulting America's veterans and pressing dangerous military plans around the globe on Tuesday, seeking to undercut his appeal to service families in Southern voting battlegrounds. Trump declared "our country is going to hell" because of policies she would make even worse.

Clinton, addressing supporters in Florida, warned that Trump would lead the nation back to war in the Middle East. And to military vets and their families, she pointed anew to his summertime dust-up with the Muslim parents of a slain American soldier.

"His whole campaign has been one long insult to all those who have worn the uniform," the Democratic nominee said at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Republican Trump, trying to



The two presidential candidates are sending conflicting messages to voters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

emphasize his military support, released a letter from 88 retired generals and admirals citing an urgent need for a "course correction" in America's national security policy.

It was aimed at rebutting Clinton's arguments that she

would be best positioned to lead the military and reassuring Republicans who have openly worried that his provocative statements might undermine U.S. alliances.

"We believe that such a change can only be made by

someone who has not been deeply involved with, and substantially responsible for, the hollowing out of our military and the burgeoning threats facing our country around the world," the military leaders wrote.

"For this reason, we support Donald Trump's candidacy to be our next commander in chief."

Clinton pushed back, saying Trump has lagged in securing key military supporters compared to past Republican nominees.

She pointed to her endorsements from retired Marine Gen. John Allen, who blasted Trump at the Democratic National Committee, and former CIA deputy director Mike Morell.

"They know they can count on me to be the kind of commander in chief who will protect our country and our troops, and they know they cannot count on Donald Trump," Clinton said en route to Florida. "They view him as a danger and a risk."

The conflicting messages came as the candidates prepared to appear at an MSNBC forum Wednesday night on national security. While they will appear separately and not be on stage at the same time, it could serve as a warm-up to their highly-anticipated first presidential debate on Sep. 26 in New York.

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Turner joins sex offender registry

The former Stanford University swimmer whose six-month sentence for sexually assaulting an uncon-

conscious woman sparked a national outcry has registered as a sex offender in Ohio, where he's living with his parents.

Brock Turner registered at the Greene County sheriff's office on Tuesday, four days after leaving a California jail after serving half his term. California jail inmates with good behaviour typically serve half their sentences.

Turner registered under his family's address in Sugarcreek Township, where about a dozen people had protested Friday as police watched.

The 21-year-old must register as a sex offender for life. He faces three years of supervised probation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Brock Turner
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WEATHER

Hurricane Newton slams into Mexican resorts



People ride bikes during the passage of Hurricane Newton in Baja California Sur, Mexico. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Hurricane Newton shattered windows, downed trees and knocked out power in parts of the twin resorts of Los Cabos on Tuesday, but residents were spared the kind of extensive damage seen two years ago when they were walloped by a stronger storm.

Newton made landfall at the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula in the morning as a Category 1 hurricane with winds of 150 km/h, pelting the area with torrential rain as residents hunkered down in their homes and tourists huddled in hotels.

Palm trees were toppled along Cabo San Lucas' coastal boulevard and some windows were broken. But there was calm in the city as firefighters cleaned refuse from the streets during the day.

"There are only minor damages — fallen branches, some fallen banners, some cables ... in general, no victims," army Col. Enrique Rangel said.

"Just trying to make it through the day, with a little help," Mark Hernandez, a tourist from California, said as he raised a can of beer at one of the few bars open

in Cabo San Lucas. "We pray for the city of Cabo San Lucas. It was a rough one as you can see."

Roberto Dominguez, a customer relations worker at the Fairfield Marriot, said the hotel's windows and balconies had been sufficiently protected from the storm and guests were fine, although cellphone and internet services had been knocked out.

"At this moment there are no reports of people killed or missing due to Hurricane Newton," said Luis Felipe Puente, head of Mexico's civil defence agency.

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VIOLENCE

Thirteen killed in bloody weekend in Chicago

Thirteen people were shot to death over the Labor Day weekend in Chicago, making it the deadliest holiday weekend of one of the deadliest summers the city has experienced in decades.

Police have not released a final tally, but according to local media reports at least 65 people were shot, including the 13 who died.

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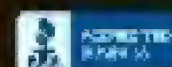
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Dog owners ditching prepared dry foods

PETS

Raw, cooked options trend becoming niche business

It seems like kismet that one of the inspirations behind Planet Pup, a Winnipeg dog bakery, was a pooch named Biscuit.

Deb Kurdydyk, who runs the business from her kitchen, said the idea came to her after she started cooking hot organic meals for her Shepherd-Rottweiler mix and wondered, why not start baking cookies and cakes too?

Planet Pup specializes in bone-shaped dog biscuits and birthday cakes. The treats, which are sold online and at some select local retailers, come in a variety of flavours including Wild Pacific salmon and smoked gouda, and elk, apple and blue cheese.

The niche business and others like it are hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow in the future.

According to market researcher Euromonitor, pet owners in Canada are still opting for prepared food due to convenience, but a rising number are turning to organic and raw pet food.

A Euromonitor report released in June says while prepared dog food accounted for an 87 per cent share of total dog food consumption last year, that is expected to decrease this year.

Karen Schiavone has been selling raw dog food at Barkside Bistro in Toronto's east end for three years after her two dogs died on the same night, both from cancer. "I realized it was probably the food," said Schiavone, who also offers a delivery subscription service. Barkside sells a variety of bones and meats, including beef, duck, elk, buffalo and kangaroo.

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Karen Schiavone, pictured in her Toronto store Barkside Bistro which specializes in raw dog food, is one of many hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FISHERIES

EU close to banning American lobsters

The European Union will conduct a more extensive review of a proposal to ban lobsters imported from the U.S. and Canada after a scientific panel concluded Sweden raised valid points in its request to declare the American lobster an invasive species.

The international dispute started when Sweden announced it had found 32 American lobsters in the country's waters earlier this year and that they pose a threat to native crustaceans. How the American lobsters ended up in Swedish waters is unclear.

Sweden's Agency for Marine

and Water Management contends the country is right to be cautious about the appearance of a foreign species.

The agency also says more research is needed into the impact of cross-breeding of American and European lobsters.

But Robert S. Steneck, a University of Maine scientist, contends American lobsters don't pose a threat to European lobsters in part because winter ocean temperatures along the coasts of European countries are too warm for American lobsters to reproduce.

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+ CANADA VOWS TO FIGHT EU PLAN

Canada's Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc says the Canadian and American governments will "vigorously" try to convince the European Union that the American lobster does not pose a threat.

Lobstermen in the U.S. and Canada stand to lose \$200 million in business with EU countries if the

ban becomes a reality, but they contend a ban is not supported by science.

Sweden set the wheels in motion when it announced it had found 32 American lobsters in the country's waters earlier this year and that they pose a threat to native crustaceans.

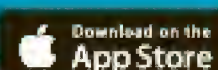
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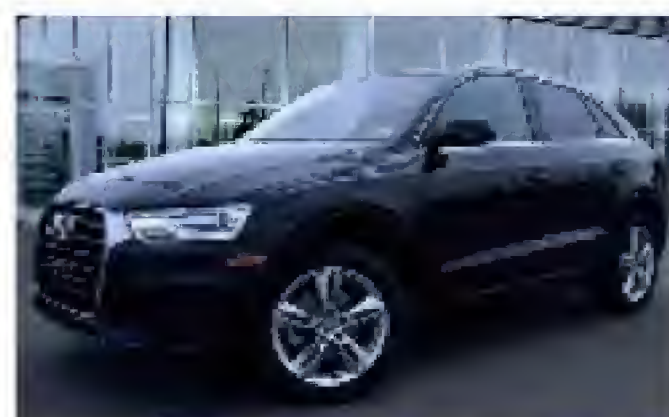
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PAUL WELLS ON FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING



In giving \$900 million to only 13 institutions and a few dozen researchers, the Liberals highlighted some disturbing trends in Canada's national science effort.

At first glance, the parade of cabinet ministers on university campuses across Canada yesterday might have looked like evidence of a new era in federal support for science.

Scott Brison was on hand at Dalhousie University in Halifax, which will work with the University of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland's Memorial University on a multidisciplinary ocean-studies project. The size of the grant from Ottawa: \$94 million.

Kirsty Duncan and Bardish Chagger were in Waterloo, where the Institute for Quantum Computing picked up \$76 million to create powerful new technology using quantum physics. And on it went: \$78 million for flood and drought prediction at the University of Saskatchewan. \$84 million for brain research at McGill. \$94 million for big data at the Université de Montréal. \$75 million for clean energy at each of Alberta's two biggest universities.

In all, 13 centres of higher learning split \$900 million in grants under the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF), whose website says it was designed to help Canadian post-secondary institutions become "global research leaders."

Specifically — and this fact was not emphasized at any of the announcements on Tuesday — it was designed in 2014 by the former Conservative government, whose finance

minister at the time, the late Jim Flaherty, announced CFREF in his 2014 budget.

This tidbit should elicit a wry chuckle from anyone who's used to hearing the Harper government dismissed as a bunch of knuckle-dragging backwoodsmen at war with the Enlightenment. There was indeed a lot to criticize about how Harper did science, but those Liberal ministers were out there on Tuesday cashing Conservative

dozen researchers, serves to highlight some disturbing long-term trends in Canada's national science effort.

CFREF was created to allow big science in Canada to bulk up so it could compete against world-leading research institutions abroad. But it comes along at a moment when everyday science — the day-to-day efforts of researchers in labs across the country — has been struggling. The Harper government held the line on

and productive work. Tony Pawson, the British-born cell biologist who died in Toronto in 2013, opened up a whole new field of lucrative and life-saving anti-cancer therapies with research that didn't cost much, showed little obvious promise, and began when he was 21.

Michael Hendricks, a McGill University biologist, pointed out yesterday that with \$700 million — less than the amount that was spent yesterday — Ottawa could fund "1,000 Canadian research labs that are already equipped and ready to go but are starved for operating funds."

Does it make more sense to bet big on 13 research institutes or to bet long on 1,000 quiet explorers? Maybe you should do a bit of both. It's not as though the Trudeau government is ignoring the question: a federal review of science funding is underway, led by former University of Toronto president David Naylor, with a mandate to report by the end of the year.

Naylor is a pit bull, and his panel's website suggests it's considering precisely the sorts of questions I've raised here. But its composition is weighted toward administrators over early- and mid-career researchers, and decisions are being made even as it does its work. It will do little good to decide, after \$900 million has been spent, that other choices might have been wiser.

Strong day-to-day advice might help while the expert panels do their consulting. But 10 months after the government was sworn in, Trudeau and his science minister have not appointed a senior federal science adviser, something they promised to do in the last election.

Paul Wells is a national politics columnist for the Toronto Star.



DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN 13 PLACES Dalhousie University received a \$94 million cheque from the Liberal government yesterday, part of a \$900-million federal investment in scientific research. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

cheques.

(Since those cheques, whether red or blue, come out of your taxes, the difference is mostly one of dramatic effect. And this sort of policy continuity, where a new government implements an earlier government's decisions, is usually healthy, because it gives anyone who deals with government a chance to plan past the next election.)

But paternity is not the only interesting question to arise from yesterday's announcement. That \$900 million, distributed among only 13 institutions and a few

most operating grants to researchers, so fewer and fewer research applications have been receiving funding. The Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the main federal government vehicle for funding medical research, has seen its "success rate" fall to 13 per cent, and it will probably fall further.

That leaves a lot of frustrated and disillusioned scientists, many of them the younger early-career researchers who are entering precisely the period in their careers when most scientists do their most surprising

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For Metro

Flagship television news hasn't evolved much from its origins.

For most channels, news is still read by a person who is often a white man in an expensive suit. After some gravitas-laced reading aloud, he will throw over to a handful of correspondents dotted across the world then to a weather person. Then he'll wrap up with a lighter story.

"And finally, a waterskiing parrot has raised over \$2,000 for the children's hospital. Our correspondent reports."

For Canadians, our Head of Gravitas has been Peter Mansbridge, CBC's host of The National, who has announced that he will longer host the flagship news show as of Canada Day 2017.

In 1993, Mans — as he's called by his very close friends/me — introduced Canadians to "a computer network called Internet." It's been 23 years now and it's time for the Internet to replace him. Video supposedly killed the radio star and yet we still know who Ira Glass and Anna Maria Tremonti are. So, yes, in the future, we will have news anchors. Sort of.

Ideally, the CBC will be at the forefront of existing technology and find a way to bridge Snapchat's filters and Pokémon Go's augmented reality layers onto broadcast news. Since Nahlah Ayed is going to trek to a tunnel under the Israeli-Palestinian border, why not allow the

viewer to experience it from the safety of home? Maybe we can even keep Mans as a hologram, only now that reassuring voice and grey suit can wear a flower-crown filter.

Nothing from the CBC suggests that they have the ability to create a digital host. But on at least one front, they have the ability to push Canadian media past a major frontier: Do not give the National anchor job to another white man.

There's nothing essentially wrong with white men, but there are enough on TV at the moment, thank you very much. If you're not thrilled that a white man isn't reading the news, just wait an hour and a blinding array of white men can joke about the news on the late-night shows.

The CBC has a mandate to reflect Canadians back to Canada, and yet the corporation is incredibly white in a country that is at least a quarter visible minority. Recently, the CBC replaced Shad, a black man, with Tom Power, who is white, as host of Q. So they owe the Mansbridge replacement to the rest of us, who pay to see Canada reflected to us.

Peter Mansbridge exits the anchor's chair on Canada's 150th birthday. Let's step forward into our bright future by letting a person of colour tell my mom the day's sad news seven hours after I've read about it on Twitter.

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RECIPE

Get in the mood for autumn with this pork dish

Kitchen wisdom holds that produce that's in season at the same time will taste great on the same plate (what grows together, goes together, as the saying goes). Here, sweet potatoes, apples, and Vidalia onion are roasted along with pork chops for an autumnal one-pan supper.

The tubers soak up the pan juices — flavoured with apple cider vinegar, apple cider, and caraway seeds — that are also drizzled over each serving.

Roasted Pork Chops with Sweet Potatoes and Apples Serves 4.

Ingredients:

- 4 bone-in pork chops (each about 10 ounces and 1 inch thick)
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- 1 large sweet onion, such as Vidalia, cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar, preferably unfiltered
- 1/2 cup unsweetened apple cider, preferably unfiltered
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 2 apples, preferably Honeycrisp, thinly sliced, seeds removed

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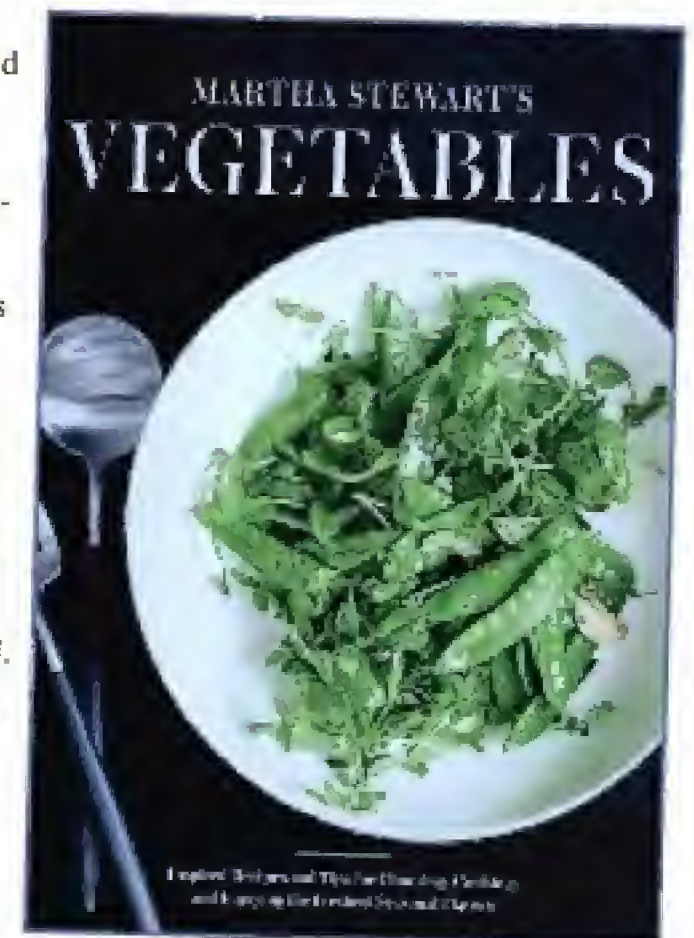
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Season pork with salt and pepper. Heat a large oven-proof skillet over medium high; swirl in oil. Cook chops until golden brown, turning once, about 8 minutes total. Transfer to a plate. Remove all but 2 tablespoons fat from skillet.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Add potatoes and onion; season with salt. Cook until golden in spots, about 10 minutes. Add vinegar and cider. Cover and simmer, stirring a few times, until potatoes are tender, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with caraway seeds.

3. Return pork and juices to skillet; tuck apple slices between chops. Roast until a thermometer inserted into thickest part of chops (without touching bone) registers 138°F, about 10 minutes. Serve pork, vegetables, and apples with pan juices.

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Dropped out of school, discovered at an airport

RETIREMENT

Here's some things you may not know about Peter Mansbridge

Peter Mansbridge plans to step down from the anchor chair of CBC's *The National* after Canada's 150th birthday celebrations next July 1.

Mansbridge, 68, has held the post at CBC's flagship news program for almost 30 years.

His tenure includes covering every federal election since 1972 and anchoring all 10 since 1984. He has also hosted eight Olympic opening ceremonies, most recently in Rio last summer.

Here are a few facts about Mansbridge:

How he began

It's true: Mansbridge's broadcast career began in singular fashion in 1968, when he was working in the Churchill, Man. airport. He was a 19-year-old baggage handler at the time, filling in on the intercom. The station manager at the local CBC radio station heard his baritone over the intercom and offered him a job on-air. Mansbridge worked on CBC Radio's news service to the North and, by 1976, he was covering Parliament Hill.

Rambling childhood

He was born July 6, 1948 in London, England, into a foreign service family and spent much of his early childhood in Kuala Lumpur in the Federation of Malaya (now Malaysia). He moved to Canada as a child after his father took a job in Ottawa with the Canadian government. He didn't make it to the end of Grade 12, dropping out to join the navy.

He was honourably discharged.



Peter Mansbridge plans to step down as anchor on CBC's *The National* after Canada's 150th birthday celebrations next July. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Higher education

He doesn't have a high school diploma and didn't attend journalism school. He does have nine honorary degrees and was named Chancellor of Mount Allison University in New Brunswick in 2009.

Toughest interview

He has particularly non-fond memories of an interview with former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher. "Few things go wrong, but when they do they're kind of catastrophic," he recalled to *Toronto Star's* Antonia Zerbisias. "I remember interviewing Margaret Thatcher and it was just a disaster. It was when she was on a book tour after she got out of the job (as British prime minister)

and she kept accusing me of not having read her book, which sadly I had and it was brutal ... and I don't think she even wrote it. That was just one of those really awkward interviews that I didn't handle well. It was just bad."

Mentor and big brother

Mansbridge was offered a co-hosting spot by CBS on *This Morning* in November 1987 and there were reportedly big bucks attached. Knowlton Nash, then lead anchor of *The National* and chief correspondent of CBC News, offered to step aside to keep Mansbridge north of the border. Mansbridge assumed the chief correspondent and lead anchor role in May 1988, replacing Nash.

Mansbridge once told the *Star* that Nash was "everything from a big brother to a colleague to an uncle to a really good friend to a mentor."

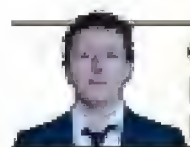
No shocker he's leaving

"I've made it very clear to everybody that I have no intention of doing this job with a '7' in front of my age," he told the *Star's* Vinay Menon in May 2014. He added: "When I started, a young person would stop me and want a picture because they were a huge fan," he says. "Then it became, 'My mother loves you. I need to get a picture.' Now the thing that's starting to creep in is, 'My grandmother loves you.' So you kind of know the direction this is going."

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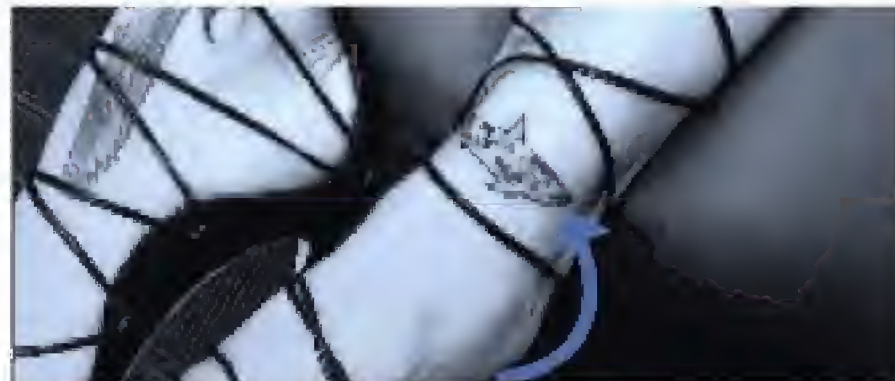
Drake, RiRi date spawns matching shark tattoos



Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

Rihanna may have Love on the Brain, but Drake has it on his arm. The 6ix God was recently spotted with a camouflage shark tattooed on his right forearm — the same ink that Rihanna recently showed off in an Instagram post. The significance?

Drake reportedly rented out the entire Ripley's Aquarium for a private date with his love interest earlier this summer, in July. Rumour has it he bought her a stuffed shark, and the tat is a reference to the heartfelt gift. If that wasn't romantic enough, the musical power couple later took an affectionate selfie under the CN Tower. Now that's what we call Views From The 6.



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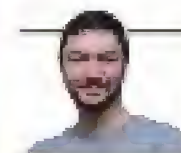


The line between bling and beauty



REVIEW

C-Class had to be great — and fortunately it is



Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

With the A5 needing a refresh and starting to look old in the eyes of some socialites and the 4 Series lacking the style and sportiness that drivers in this segment are looking for, Mercedes-Benz is offering a shining star in its C-Class Coupe.

While the last generation C-Class Coupe showed up a few years after its sedan counterpart hit the market, this new-gen model is hot on the heels of the launch of the new sedan; it seems like Mercedes is eager to strut its stuff in this interesting market segment.

The luxury coupe competition has become stale and the only fresh new vehicles are coming from unusual sources, like the new, but polarizing Lexus RC. To turn that trend around, the new C-Class Coupe has to be fantastic. Fortunately, it is.

First impressions are important, and the C-Class walks a fine line between bling and beauty. While many of the test vehicles featured the brand's usually excessive looking diamond chrome grille option, these cars didn't look garish at all. Eighteen-inch wheels and other aggressive exterior

appearance parts also helped the C-Class Coupe maintain a striking visual presence.

Sleek from all angles, this Coupe easily stands out alongside the bigger, more expensive Mercedes vehicles and coupes. The C-Class no longer has a second class design or a cheap interior; Mercedes' new interior design language is among the best in the market. Circular vents are accented by chunky, toggle-like switches and if the car features the upgraded Burmester audio system, the speaker grilles are like little art installations in their own right.

Throwing the C-Class around the back roads of Maine and New Hampshire is a good way to feel how the Coupe is tuned for more feedback and a tighter response in terms of steering and handling. However, most of the cars tested were equipped with the AMG Sport Package that included a sport suspension, so the ride did get a bit choppy, especially over broken pavement. Alternatively, the brand's Airmatic suspension smoothed out the ride and is a must-have option. While the suspension gives plenty of feedback, the steering is a bit lifeless.

But with its competition from BMW and Audi now stale, the introduction of the new C-Class is a refreshing sight in this niche segment. While the A5 and 3 Series Coupe have enjoyed success in the past, it's clear that the Mercedes C-Class Coupe is now the best two-door luxury car on the market.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 MERCEDES-BENZ C300 COUPE

THE BASICS

Engine: Turbo 2.0-litre four-cylinder
Power: 240 hp and 38 kg/m of torque
Transmission: Seven-speed automatic
Price (CAD): Starts at \$48,100



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- Great style
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- Seats could be better
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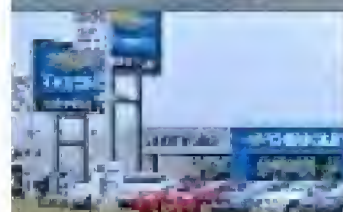


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4 ALL-TIME HOTTEST CARS, ACCORDING TO PAGANI

While the performance of Pagani's automobiles is hard to argue with, the design of these supercars is what makes them truly desirable. In the words of Horacio Pagani himself, the engineering and design of the cars go hand in hand. We chatted with the automaker's founder and CEO to ask him what he considers to be some of the most beautiful cars of all time. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM**



1 Jaguar E-Type

The Jaguar E-Type is one of the few non-Italian cars on Pagani's list. Originally introduced in 1961, the E-Type uses a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout with a 3.8-litre inline-six engine under its long hood. Making 265 horsepower, the E-Type was more than just a pretty machine — it could move, too. Many designers reference the E-Type as a major influence, so it's not a huge surprise to see Pagani give some props to this British icon.



2 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing

This choice must have been made by Pagani's inner engineer, because when the 300SL debuted, it was the fastest production car available. The 300SL was named for its unique gull-wing doors, and you can see that inspired Pagani.



3 Lamborghini Miura

The Lamborghini Miura has a place in history as being one of the first high-performance, mid-engined cars ever. It practically invented the term supercar, so it's no surprise to see it here on Mr. Pagani's list.



4 De Tomaso Pantera

The De Tomaso Pantera is one of the most misunderstood classics in supercar history. The combination of Italian styling with an American V8 is something that's hard to ignore, but many classic car connoisseurs balk at the quirky car. Fortunately, Pagani isn't one to deny this car's cool factor. Still, this is definitely a surprising entry on this list.

It's all about the experience.

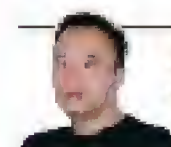
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RECOGNITION

Lincoln MKZ wins safety award



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The 2017 Lincoln MKZ has earned the highest safety rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

The midsize luxury car shares its platform with the Ford Fusion, which also earned a Top Safety Pick+ designation from IIHS. Both cars had their front ends and bumpers modified to improve protection in frontal crashes and now earn a good rating in the small overlap test, compared with an acceptable rating for earlier models.

Like the 2017 Ford Fusion, the MKZ is available with an



The 2017 Lincoln MKZ. LEE BAILIE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

optional front crash prevention system that earns a superior rating. In IIHS track tests, the MKZ was able to avoid collisions at 19 km/h and 40 km/h.

To qualify for Top Safety Pick+, the top award from IIHS, a vehicle must earn good

ratings in the small overlap front, moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraint tests.

It also must have an available front crash prevention system that earns an advanced or superior rating.

+ WHEELS BRIEFS

Installing child seats getting easier, safety agency says

Three vehicles have earned a top rating of good+ on the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's (IIHS) LATCH ease-of-use ratings.

The agency launched its ratings of child seat installation hardware in vehicles in June 2015, and at the time, most of the 102 vehicles

that were rated scored poor or marginal. Now, 170 current models have been evaluated and most are good or acceptable. This year also marks the first time a vehicle has received a good+ rating with the Audi Q7, Lexus RX and Toyota Prius all earning the highest marks.

"Frustrating child seat

installations have become a familiar rite of parenthood," says Jessica Jermakian, an IIHS senior research engineer. "Unfortunately, these frustrations lead to mistakes that can have real consequences in the event of a crash. We're pleased to see automakers taking this issue seriously."

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FIFA president Gianni Infantino is open to a 40-team World Cup in 2026, with several countries serving as co-hosts

Holtby takes 'long road' back to Team Canada

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

Vezina winner last played for country in 2007 at U18s

When Braden Holtby last represented Canada on the international stage it was almost a decade ago and he barely played.

The 26-year-old from Lloydminster, Sask., has been slowly inching upward ever since. From fourth-round pick of the Washington Capitals to starting netminder in the NHL to Vezina Trophy winner and record-setter and back once more with Team Canada, this time as the likely next-in-line behind Carey Price at the World Cup of Hockey.

"It's a long road," Holtby said following the second day of World Cup training camp. "I just always focused on that next goal, that next level trying to get there. It's always been the dream to be here, so you never really think twice about it you just do what's necessary."

Holtby played eight minutes 50 seconds at his last international experience nine years ago (2007), the backup to future Colorado Avalanche draft pick Trevor Cann at the under-18 championships in Finland. The Canadians finished fourth that year, despite boasting Steven Stamkos, Drew Doughty, and Logan Couture, all of whom would join Holtby again nearly a

decade later on the latest incarnation of the Canadian World Cup team.

Doughty somehow remembers it all quite well, even down to the fact that Cann (who's yet to play an NHL game) and not Holtby, started. Couture recalled playing cards with Holtby in their Finnish hotel room, describing him as a goaltender who was long under the radar.

Holtby was passed over entirely for the world junior championships.

"Even back then I remember he was a good goalie," Doughty said. "Obviously to be on the under-18 team you've got to be a really good goalie and I guess he's just

"It's always been the dream to be here, so you never really think twice about it you just do what's necessary."

Braden Holtby

taken that talent to another level. He's one of the best goalies in the league now."

Doughty said he couldn't envision then Holtby rising like he did.

"But at the same time a bunch of those guys on that (2007) team I never

would've thought they've done what they've done," said Doughty, the second overall pick in the same 2008 draft that saw Holtby picked 93rd. "So many guys are unbelievable players at that age and they kind of go the wrong way down the roller-coaster and they don't make the NHL. And then other guys come out of nowhere ... You can't really predict anything at that age."

Holtby was shocked when Canada invited him to their summer Olympic training camp in 2013, somewhat in awe of the talent around him. He

knew he wasn't part of the top group at that point, then just a couple years into his career with Washington.

"I knew the ability was there," Holtby said. "I just had to find it."

It didn't come right away. Holtby stumbled backward in the 2013-14 season (.915 save percentage) before leaping into the elite crowd with 41 wins, nine shutouts and a .923 save percentage two years ago. In capturing the Vezina last season, Holtby matched Martin Brodeur's single-season wins record, totalling 48 (in 12 fewer games than Brodeur) for the Capitals.

He doesn't look at his conquest as the league's top goaltender, nor his inclusion on Team Canada as turning points in a career that's always trended up. He circles back to the point when he first made it into the NHL, when he first realized he could compete for his ultimate goal: the Stanley Cup.

"And that's really the only focus," said Holtby, who went 48-9-7 last year as the Capitals were vanquished in the second round by Pittsburgh. "I'm not really too focused on other personal stuff."

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48

Holtby matched Martin Brodeur's single-season wins record last season.

IN BRIEF

Yanks hang on to beat Jays

Brett Gardner made a leaping catch at the top of the left-field wall on Justin Smoak's bases-loaded drive for the final out, and the Yankees held on during a nervy ninth inning to beat the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 on a misty Tuesday night in New York.

At a season-high seven games over .500, the Yankees closed within 4-1/2 games of first place.

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Djokovic advances over another injured opponent

Novak Djokovic moved into the U.S. Open semifinals for the 10th consecutive year when No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga stopped because of a hurt left knee, the defending champion's third opponent to pull out with an injury.

After the top-seeded Djokovic won the first two sets 6-3, 6-2 on Tuesday night, Tsonga was visited by a trainer and had his left leg taped below the knee. Tsonga double-faulted on the opening point of the third set, then retired from the match.

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Argentina salvages draw in qualifier vs. Venezuela

Nicolas Otamendi saved Argentina from a huge embarrassment in World Cup qualifying, scoring in the 83rd minute Tuesday to salvage a 2-2 draw at last-place Venezuela.

Argentina played without Barcelona star Lionel Messi, who had a groin injury.

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Broncos settle in with Siemian

NFL SEASON PREVIEW

Champs look to relative no name in Super Bowl defence

Peyton Manning's successor isn't Brock Osweiler or Colin Kaepernick or Mark Sanchez, all of whom had better off-season odds than NFL novice Trevor Siemian.

When Broncos GM John Elway declined to overpay Osweiler, Manning's longtime backup bolted to Houston 48 hours after his mentor called it a career. Elway quickly acquired Sanchez from the Eagles but he really had his eyes fixed on Kaepernick, who rejected a pay cut to facilitate a trade from the 49ers to Denver.

So, Elway moved on — and he moved up in the first round of the draft, selecting Paxton Lynch of Memphis, who very well might be the franchise's future.



Trevor Siemian spent last season soaking in Gary Kubiak's West Coast offence under the tutelage of Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler. JUSTIN EDMONDS/GETTY IMAGES

The present, though, belongs to Siemian, a QB who won the starting job with a mix of brains and brawn, precision and poise, steadiness and spunk.

The Carolina Panthers will certainly try to unnerve Siemian in his first NFL start Thursday night in the 2016 season opener.

Thing is, nobody at Broncos

headquarters has ever seen the 2015 seventh-round pick get rattled.

Not when he was Osweiler's backup for two months last season when Manning was hurt.

“Who is Trevor Siemian? He's super intelligent, he knows a lot of stuff and there's a reason that they named him the starter.”

Kicker Brandon McManus

Not when he ran the scout team against Denver's destructive defence that brought home the Lombardi Trophy.

Not even when coach Gary Kubiak named him the starter. “He's the same guy: cool, calm and collected,” said wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders.

“He's not going to change. He's not going to waver. I know that he wants to show the world, ‘Hey, look at this guy out here, No. 13.’ I think he can make plays and make all the throws.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ ABOUT THE QB

■ Siemian was a high school star in central Florida as a QB and a third baseman.

■ He chose Big Ten school Northwestern as much for its academics as its athletics.

■ He played in 44 games for the Wildcats but started just 14 — yet still finished as the school's fourth-leading passer.

■ He tore an ACL in his final college game and that scared away plenty of teams but not the Broncos, who chose him with the 250th overall pick in 2015, after which Siemian declared, “I can't think of a better scenario” than to learn from Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler.



David Eng in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday. CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

Hoops star chosen for flag duty

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When David Eng made his Paralympic debut 12 years ago in Athens, coach Mike Frogley would jot down a word each day and pin that word on the wall.

They were words like “leadership” and “commitment,” character traits Frogley wanted his players to embody.

They were words, Eng decided then and there, to live by.

“I started focusing on that,” Eng said. “That was what I wanted to become, was that type of person.”

The 39-year-old veteran of Canada's wheelchair basketball team has been chosen to carry the Maple Leaf into the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games on Wednesday.

Frogley, now the high performance director for Wheelchair Basketball Canada, said there was no better choice. Every great player and every team, he said, “starts with great character.”

“And that's what David is: great character that allows us the opportunity to be great,” Frogley said. “And he's a great representation of Canada, (he) embodies

all the things that Canadians hold in the highest regard, his work ethic, his discipline, his commitment to the team ... those are things all Canadians share in, so they share in him marching out holding our flag.”

The two-time Paralympic gold medallist, who was cheered on by both the men's and women's wheelchair teams at his news conference Tuesday morning, will be competing at his fourth Games. Canada won gold in Eng's debut in 2004, took the silver at the 2008 Beijing Games and won gold four years ago in London. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PENNY OLEKSIK

Back to books for Canada's golden girl

Penny Oleksiak is kind of a big deal at her high school.

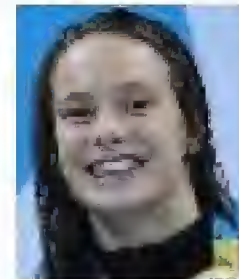
The star swimmer, who won four medals at the Rio Olympics, returned to class on Tuesday as she enters grade 11, but her recently found fame is something she's playing down.

“I don't think I'm a celebrity,” she said with a big smile. “I think everyone knows me already.”

Oleksiak is a bona fide celebrity after this summer's medal haul, which culminated in carrying the country's flag at the closing ceremony. It is an issue that school officials have been discussing over the past few weeks.

Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto's east end decided to hold a news conference on the first day of school with the hope that normalcy will return to Oleksiak's life by Wednesday.

After a bit of chit-chatting in the office, Bryan McAlpine, the school's head of athletics, decided to take a different approach: He asked if the star athlete still planned to



Penny Oleksiak
GETTY IMAGES

keep score in volleyball games — something she did last year.

“For sure I'm going to,” Oleksiak said.

“This is going to sound really bad and I don't think I'm going to say it, but I'll say it: it's another opportunity to hang out with your friends during school. It's fun to score keep especially when my friends are playing volleyball — it's awesome.”

Oleksiak's answer to McAlpine came as a relief to principal Cynthia Abernethy, who believes the 16-year-old student will easily slide back into high school life as a student.

“We were nervous about Penny coming back and hav-

ing to teach a celebrity, but it took two minutes to speak with Penny to get back at ease and to realize this is a kind of a normal place for her,” McAlpine said.

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“As of tomorrow, Penny goes back to four periods a day and we're going to crack that whip.”

Monarch Park Collegiate principal Cynthia Abernethy

IN BRIEF

Para ticket sales hit 1.6M

With the Rio Paralympics set to begin Wednesday, organizers say ticket sales have jumped from around 200,000 to 1.6 million, and a spirit of optimism now pervades the cash-strapped event.

“It's helped by the fact that the Brazilian team did so well in the final weekend of the Olympics,” Craig Spence, a spokesman for the International Paralympic Committee, said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Irish official charged in Rio

Brazilian prosecutors have filed charges against a high-ranking Olympic official in connection to a ticket-scalping case that unfolded during last month's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Marcos Kac, a state prosecutor, said on Tuesday he decided to charge Olympic Council of Ireland President Patrick Hickey and nine others with ticket scalping, conspiracy and ambush marketing, after reviewing the police investigation.

“We found enough evidence linking Hickey to this plot to sell tickets by a company that was not authorized,” Kac said. “These are tickets that were sold for up to \$8,000.”

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RECIPE Asian Chicken Salad



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

You can make this in a time crunch and not sacrifice deliciousness.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- handful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing

- 1 Tbsp sesame oil

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season the water with salt and pepper and bring it to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove from the skillet to clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

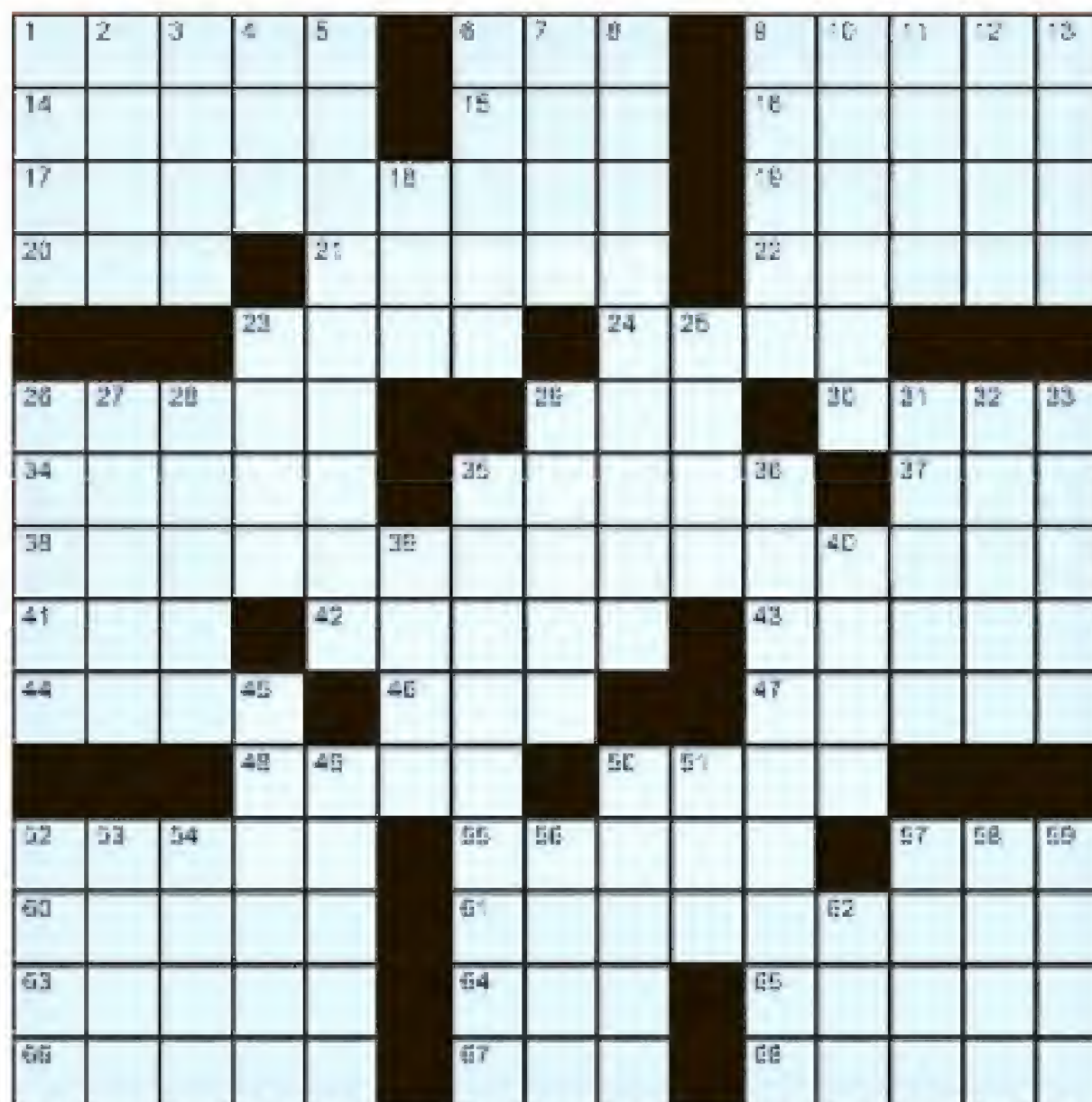
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients.

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

- Sense, airport canine style
- Lettered car-pooling lane
- Toward the stern
- Jane Fonda's dad, in Paris
- Songstress Ms. DiFranco
- Story with morals
- King Arthur's legendary weapon
- Stewpots
- East Coast ocean, for short
- Canadian 'Push' group
- Conforms
- Deer's tail type
- ___-the-minute (In style)
- Unlawfully lift
- Pro
- Pharaoh snakes
- Dominican Republic neighbour
- Beer holders
- Celeb photographer
- Reporters aspire to providing it on big stories; 2 wds.
- Cereal grass
- Walk-in closet collection
- Outspoken
- Weight allowance
- Same old, same old
- Function
- Lunchtime order
- Pony's pride
- Looseness in the line
- Lyre-playing Muse

- Holy hail
- Chilly weather comfort drink
- 1999 Keanu Reeves blockbuster; 2 wds.
- Big name in office labels
- "Mazel ___"
- K, to Homer
- Hatchlings'

- homes
- 'Computer' suffix
- Muscle ___

DOWN

- Beatles famed concert stadium
- Following
- Comes with it,

- for short
- Monk's title
- They're shown in a critique of a latest Hollywood release; 2 wds.
- Custom
- Cross to bear
- Super skilled sorts

- Underway
- Movie boxer Rocky's surname
- Up to the task
- Celebrity chef Bobby
- "Guarding ___" (1994)
- Cash substitute letters

- Fill
- Prior to, for short
- Top type
- Ms. Tucker
- Canada's largest duck
- Aspect
- Planetary place
- Particular polytheistic person
- Wheat type
- Name of fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld's pet cat he always carries around that has its own Twitter and Instagram accounts
- Winnipeg: Battle of ___ National Historic Site of Canada, as per the 1816 conflict in the Pemmican War
- Drive-__ restaurant
- Wander
- Police ___ (Dignitary's accompaniment)
- Signs off on
- Irish writer Ms. Binchy
- Bills spewer in the mall
- Casually look over
- Zero, in a tennis match
- Hotshots
- 17th Greek letters
- Harp, in Italy
- Limo passengers often
- Big test
- Do some spy work

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to make future travel plans or to check out approaches to further studies and schooling. Whatever you do will have a practical, pleasant outcome.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Relations with co-workers are positive and supportive today. If someone older or more experienced has advice for you, listen to it, because it will help you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A romance might blossom with someone older today. Those of you involved in the arts will find that you have the discipline to practice and hone your skills and techniques.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Any effort to introduce improvements or redecorate your home will go well today. Not only will things be more attractive, they also will function better. An older family member might help.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can make money with your communication skills today. This could be through writing, talking, sales, marketing, teaching or acting. It's easy to be diplomatic and practical.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to solidify your finances so that they are more secure in the future. Someone older might help you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today your steady, calm approach to things creates a role model for others. You see a happy marriage between practical function and relationships. Good for you!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A secret relationship, possibly romantic, with someone older or more established, might take place today. Whatever you do (especially in terms of money) will be low-key.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Check in with someone older or more experienced today to get this person's guidance. His or her suggestions can help you to set future goals. You will know what is doable

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A romance with a boss or someone older or more experienced might begin today. Others will approach you to give their creative advice on design, layout or furniture arrangement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans, especially with someone older, look promising today. This is also a good day to seek advice from a teacher or guru-like figure.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to settle debts and discussions about inheritances and shared property. People are conservative; however, they want to reach an agreement.

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